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                  IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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                             IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LASSEN
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      IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION
      OF THE RIGHTS OF THE VARIOUS CLAIMANTS
                                                            NO. 8175
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      TO THE WATER OF PARKER CREEK STREAM
      SYSTEM IN LASSEN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
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                The above-entitled cause having come on regularly for hearing,
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      trial and determination on the 15th day of December, 1955, before this
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      court sitting without a jury; Mark C. Nosler appearing as attorney for
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      the Department of Public Works of the State of California, Division of
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     Water Resources, acting through the State Engineer, hereinafter referred
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      to as "Department"; all parties in interest in said proceeding having
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      been duly and regularly notified of said hearing, trial and determination;
     no exceptions to the Order of Determination on file herein having been
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      filed; the Department having moved the court to modify and affirm the
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     Order of Determination; evidence having been introduced, the matter argued
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     and submitted for decision; and the court being fully advised in the
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     premises grants the motion of the Department, affirms the Order of
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Determination as modified and renders this its decree determining the rights of all parties involved in this proceeding as follows, to wit IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the several rights

of all existing claimants in and to the use of water of the Parker Creek Stream System in Lassen County, California are as hereinafter set forth:

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GENERAL DEFINITIONS, LIMITATIONS, AND PROVISIONS

- 1. The term "Water Code" when used herein means the Water Code of California; the term "stream system" when used herein means Parker Creek and all its tributaries; the term "claimant" when used herein means a party claiming rights in and to the use of the water of Parker Creek stream system.
- 2. Although all quantities of water allotted to the several claimants for direct application to beneficial use are severally expressed in terms of continuous flow, nevertheless, nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting or restricting the right of any claimants to rotate in the use of water or the right of any claimant to divert for limited periods of time convenient "irrigation heads", and thus apply water to his lands at a greater rate than indicated by the quantity of continuous flow so allotted; provided, that such practice of rotation or use of "irrigation heads" shall not result in the use by any claimant of a total quantity of water during any 30-day period in excess of the equivalent of claimant's continuous flow allowance for 30 days; and provided further, that this practice of rotation or use of "irrigation heads" shall not impair or infringe the rights of any other claimant.
 - 3. Nothing herein contained shall, or shall be construed to prevent any of the claimants herein, who jointly use a ditch for which there is a

continuous flow allotment, from employing by agreement a system of rotation in use as among themselves; or prevent any claimant herein who has allotments in two or more ditches, from using all or any portion of the summation of such allotments through any of these ditches on all or any portion of his lands; provided the total quantity of water diverted by the claimant at any time shall not exceed the summation of such allotments; and provided further, this practice of rotation or use of combined allotments shall not impair or infringe the rights of any other

claimant.

4. The term "directly apply to beneficial use" means the direct conveyance and application of water diverted to beneficial use without intermediate storage, except such regulatory storage as may be practiced for the purpose of equalizing the flow of water diverted for a convenient irrigation head.

5. The term "natural flow" means such a flow as will naturally occur at any given point in a stream from the runoff of the watershed which it drains, from springs which naturally contribute to the stream, from seepage, and from waste and return flow from dams, conduits, and irrigated lands, as distinguished from released stored water.

6. Nothing herein contained shall, or shall be construed to, allocate to any claimant a right to divert from Parker Creek stream system, at any time, a quantity of water in excess of an amount reasonably necessary for his requirements and being put to beneficial use.

7. The Division of Water Resources Map, hereinafter referred to as D.W.R. Map, is the map prepared by the Department of Public Works of the State of California, Division of Water Resources, from its surveys made in 1951, which map is entitled "Parker Creek Stream System Showing

Diversions and Irrigated Lands, Lassen County, California", is dated 1951, and is on file in the proceeding.

DEFINITIONS OF WATER RIGHTS

- 8. The several claimants in the proceeding are entitled to rights in and to the water, and in and to the use thereof, from the stream system in four priority classes as set forth in Schedule 3 and one right in surplus class as set forth in Paragraph 12.
- 9. The several claimants in the proceeding are entitled to use of the water from the stream system upon the places of use described under their names in Schedule 1, and are entitled to divert water at the points of diversion from the stream system as named, numbered, and described in Schedule 2. The points of measurement of the quantities of water allotted are at their points of diversion from the stream system.
- 10. All allotments in Schedule 3 shall be for continuous usage without regard to season, but shall be limited during the period from November 1 of each year to the last day of February of the succeeding year, to the amount required for domestic and stock water use.
- The several claimants enumerated in Schedule 3 are entitled to rights in "first priority class". "second priority class", "third priority class", and "fourth priority class", in and to the use of the natural flow of Parker Creek stream system during the seasons stated in Paragraph 10 for domestic, stockwatering, and irrigation purposes upon their lands as shown on the D.W.R. Map and as described under their names in Schedule 1, in accordance with acreages to be supplied, priorities and quantities of water alloted, at the points of diversion as numbered and shown after their names in Schedule 3. The rights in "first priority

class" are equal in priority and correlative in right, but are superior in priority and in right to all other rights in Schedule 3, and at all times when the available water supply of Parker Creek stream system is inadequate to supply all rights in "first priority class", then during the continuance of such shortage the owners of such rights shall prorate the available water supply in accordance with their respective allotments in "first priority class". The rights in "second priority class" are equal in priority and correlative in right, are subject and inferior to the rights in "first priority class", but are superior in priority and in right to all other rights in Schedule 3, and at all times when the available water supply of Parker Creek stream system is inadequate to supply all rights in "second priority class", then during the continuance of such shortage the owners of such rights shall prorate the available supply, if any, in excess of the quantity required to supply prior rights in accordance with their allotments in "second priority class". The rights in "third priority class" are equal in priority and correlative in right, are subject and inferior to rights in "second priority class", but are superior in priority and in right to all other rights in Schedule 3, and at all times when the available water supply of Parker Creek stream system is inadequate to supply all rights in "third priority class", then during the continuance of such shortage, the owners of such rights shall prorate the available supply, if any, in excess of the quantity required to supply prior rights, in accordance with their allotments in "third priority class" as set forth in Schedule 3. The rights in "fourth priority class" are equal in priority and correlative in right, but are subject and inferior to all other rights in Schedule 3, and at all times when the available water supply of Parker

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1 Creek stream system is inadequate to supply all rights in "fourth priority 2 class", then during the continuance of such shortage the owners of such rights shall prorate the available water supply, if any, in excess of the 3 4 quantity required to supply prior rights, in accordance with their allot-5 ments in "fourth priority class" as set forth in Schedule 3; provided, 6 however, that whenever the flow of Parker Creek at Diversion 15 recedes 7 to 0.10 cubic foot per second or less, Ervy B. George and Marie George 8 shall not apply water to any portion of their lands described in Schedule 1, except those usually referred to as bottom lands, and which insofar 9 as diversion from the West Fork of Parker Creek is concerned, do not 10 contribute drainage to the East Fork of Parker Creek above Diversion 11; 11 12 and provided further, that between June 1 and October 31, both dates inclusive, of each and every year, Clarence Hoffman and Wilma Hoffman 13 are entitled to divert through the Hoffman Ditch (Diversion 13) 0.45 14 cubic foot per second as a right in the "second priority class" in lieu 15 16 of an equal amount in "third priority class" as set forth in Schedule 3, and said right in "second priority class" shall not be subject to proration 17 18 until the flow of Parker Creek at the south line of $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, T 28 N, R 13 E recedes to 0.90 cubic foot per second and thereafter 19 20 this right is entitled to one-half the flow available in the "second priority class". 21 12. RUTH LAGIER, DAN L. DIETER, ESTHER E. SMITH AND WILMA HOFFMAN 22 23 c/1 LLOYD HOFFMAN, collectively, are entitled to divert as a right in "surplus class", subject to all rights as hereinafter defined in Schedule 24 25 3, from the natural flow of Parker Creek, at a point designated on D.W.R. 26 Map as Diversion 14, described in Schedule 2 hereof, through the Dieter

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Reservoir Ditch;

- 1 (1) 0.20 cubic foot per second, by direct diversion during
 2 the period from about January 1 to June 1 of each year for irrigation
 3 purposes, and
- purposes, and

 (2) 12 acre-feet per annum by storage to be collected from

 but January 1 to about June 1 of each year for irrigation and stock
 watering purposes as a supplemental supply for use on 140.0 acres of

 their lands, described under their names in Schedule 1, all in accordance

 with the beneficial use made by claimant, of unappropriated water

 pursuant to Permit 8461 issued by the Department on Application 13925.

SCHEDULE 1

DESCRIPTION OF PLACES OF USE OF ALLOCATIONS FROM PARKER CREEK STREAM SYSTEM

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2	William Ahern and Zella J. Ahern
3	Domestic purposes in SW tof
4	Section 21, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
5	William T. Bailey and Lenora M. Bailey, George B. Bailey and Annie K. Bailey
6	Domestic purposes in $NE^{\frac{1}{4}}$ $SW^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 21, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
7	W. T. Bailey and Lenora M. Bailey
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0	15.0 acres in SW# SW# of Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 20.0 acres in NW# SW# of Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
9	1.4 acres in $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}$ NW of Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
10	2.0 acres in NET NET of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
, ,	33.4 acres in $SE_{7}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ NE $_{7}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 29.0 acres in $SW_{7}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ NE $_{7}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
11	38.0 acres in NET SET of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
12	7.0 acres in SEt SEt of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
	23.0 acres in NW SET of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
13	$\frac{2.0}{170.8}$ acres in SE ^{$\frac{1}{4}$} NW ^{$\frac{1}{4}$} of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
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15	W. T. Bailey and Lenora M. Bailey
16	22.0 acres in NE $\frac{1}{7}$ SW $\frac{1}{7}$ of Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
10	19.0 acres in NW SW of Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
17	17.0 acres in SEt NWt of Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
- 4	6.0 acres in SW NW of Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
18	5.3 acres in $NE_{\pm}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ $NE_{\pm}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 1.7 acres in $SE_{\pm}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ $NE_{\pm}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
19	71.0 acres - Total
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23	Warren E. Bass and Hilda R. Bass
21	40.0 acres in $SE_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ $SE_{7}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 11, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
22	5.2 acres in SET SW4 of Section 12, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
	40.0 acres in SW 5 SW of Section 12, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
23	12.8 acres in NW of Section 12, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
21	10.0 acres in NW tof Section 13, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 30.0 acres in NEt NEt of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
24	138.0 acres - Total
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26	A. Ross Cutter and Emma C. Cutter
0.00	15.0 acres in $SW^{\frac{1}{4}}$ NE $^{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 21, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
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	Ervy B. George and Marie George
1	#O 6 same in Stil Stil of Section 15 T 20 N P 12 T MDPLM
2	*0.6 acre in SE_{\pm}^{1} SW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 15, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M *2.0 acres in NW_{\pm}^{1} SW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 22, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 27.1 acres in SW_{\pm}^{1} NW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 22, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 24.0 acres in NW_{\pm}^{1} NW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 22, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M *4.5 acres in NE_{\pm}^{1} NW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 22, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 58.2 acres - Total
3	24.0 acres in NW of Section 22, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
4	$\frac{*4.5}{58.2}$ acres in NE \pm NW \pm of Section 22, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 58.2 acres - Total
5	Clarence Hoffman and Wilma Hoffman
6	17 5 sense in NET NET of Section 15 T 20 N D 12 F MDDsM
7	17.5 acres in $NE_{\overline{4}}^{1}$ $NE_{\overline{4}}^{2}$ of Section 15, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 3.0 acres in $SE_{\overline{4}}^{2}$ $NE_{\overline{4}}^{2}$ of Section 15, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
8	6.0 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 26.5 acres - Total
9	Ruth Lagier, Dan L. Dieter, Esther E. Smith and Wilma Hoffman
10	20.0 acres in $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}$ $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 11, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 40.0 acres in $SE_{\frac{1}{4}}$ $SW_{\frac{1}{4}}$ of Section 11, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
11	40.0 acres in SWE SWE of Section 11, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
12	11.0 acres in SW_{\pm}^{\perp} NE $_{\pm}^{\perp}$ of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 40.0 acres in NW_{\pm}^{\perp} NE $_{\pm}^{\perp}$ of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
13	40.0 acres in NE_{\pm}^{1} NW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 22.6 acres in SE_{\pm}^{1} NW_{\pm}^{1} of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
	0.3 acre in SW_{\pm}^1 NW_{\pm}^1 of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
14	35.4 acres in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M 249.3 acres - Total
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16	Gladys Servilcan Mankins
17	$\frac{12.0}{12.0}$ acres in NE NE of Section 21, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
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19	F. J. Zepensky
20	$\frac{4.6}{4.6}$ acres in $SW_{\overline{4}}^{\frac{1}{2}}$ NW of Section 21, T 28 N, R 13 E, MDB&M
21	Almon L. Row
22	Domestic purposes in $SE^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Nw ^{$\frac{1}{4}$} of Section 21, T 28 N, R 13 E,
23	MDB&M
24	*Denotes irrigated land outside of property line.
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SCHEDULE 2

POINTS OF DIVERSION FROM PARKER CREEK STREAM SYSTEM

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2		:Number	:	Appr	oximate loc	ation	of	point	of	diversion
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5		• rap								: corner
6	Ahern	la		Sec. 21 R 13 E,				N 44°	E	2000
7	Bailey West Fork	1b	NE + SW +	Sec. 21	SW Cor.	Sec.	21	N 44°	E	2520
8			T 28 N,	R 13 E	T 28 N	R 13	E			
9	Row	lc	SE ¹ NW ¹ T 28 N,	Sec. 21 R 13 E	SW Cor. T 28 N			N 44°	E	3780
10	Cutter	ld	SW ¹ NE ¹	Sec. 21	SW Cor.	Sec.		N 44°	E	3940
11				R 13 E	T 28 N				_	27.40
12	Zepensky Spring	2	SW = NW = T 28 N,	Sec. 21 R 13 E	W l Cor. T 28 N			n 79°	E	1050
13	Mankins Ditch	3	NEŁ NEŁ	Sec. 21	NE Cor.	Sec.	21	s 27°	W	700
14			T 28 N,	-	T 28 N,			J ~1	••	,00
15	Mankins Reservoir Spring	4	NE ¹ / ₄ NE ¹ / ₄ T 28 N,	Sec. 21 R 13 E	NE Cor. T 28 N,			s 47°	W	600
16	Mankins Reservoir	5	NEŁ NEŁ	Sec. 21	NE Cor.	Sec.	21	s 38°	W	550
17			T 28 N,		T 28 N,			-)-		,,,-
18	George South Ditch	6	NW	Sec. 22 R 13 E	NW Cor. T 28 N,			s 3°	E	530
19	George North Ditch	7	NW L NW L	Sec. 22	NW Cor.	Sec.	22	s 30	E	500
20	•	•	T 28 N,		T 28 N,			~ ,	••••	700
21	George Springs	8		Sec. 22 R 13 E				s 70°	E	1100
22	George West Ditch	9	NW L SW L	Sec. 22	W ¹ / ₄ Cor.	Sec.	22	s 70°	F.	300
23		-		R 13 E				5,6	_	700
24	George Upper East Ditch	10		Sec. 22 R 13 E		Sec. R 13	22 E	s 70°	E	300
25	George Middle East	11	NW 4 NW 4	Sec. 22				g <u>r</u> n0	T	1150
26	Ditch			R 13 E				3 70"	Ľ	1450
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POINTS OF DIVERSION FROM PARKER CREEK STREAM SYSTEM

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			: Map	: M.D.	В.&М.	: M.D.B.&M.	: corner	: corner
5		George Lower East	12		Sec. 22	N ¹ Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13		1150
6		Ditch		1 28 N,	R 13 E	1 20 N, R 1)	13	
7		Hoffman Ditch	13		Sec. 15 R 13 E	E ¹ Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13		2000
8		Dieter Reservoir	14	NE T NE T	Sec. 15	NE Cor. Sec.	15 S 7° W	1250
9				T 28 N,	R 13 E	T 28 N, R 13	E	
10		Dieter Ditch	15		Sec. 15 R 13 E	NE Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13		1250
11		Bailey Upper Ditc	h 16		Sec. 14	Wt Cor. Sec.		2250
12				T 28 N,	R 13 E	T 28 N, R 13	F	
13		Bailey Middle Dit	ch 17		Sec. 14 R 13 E	$E_{4}^{\frac{1}{4}}$ Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13		2450
14		Bailey North Spri	ng 18		Sec. 14 R 13 E	Et Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13E		1950
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16		Bailey Middle Springs	19		Sec. 14 R 13 E	E ¹ Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13		1900
17		Bailey South Springs	20	•	Sec. 14	Et Cor. Sec.		1750
18				T 28 N,	R 13 E	T 28 N, R 13	E	
19		Bailey Meadow Dan	n 21		Sec. 13 R 13 E	W ¹ / ₄ Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13	13 S 33° E E	700
20		Bailey Meadow Da	n 22	NW≟ SW≟	Sec. 13	W1 Cor. Sec.	13 S 60° E	1100
21					R 13 E	T 28 N, R 13		
22		Bailey Meadow Dar	n 23		Sec. 13 R 13 E	W ¹ Cor. Sec. T 28 N, R 13		1700
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SCHEDULE 3

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1 ALLOCATIONS TO VARIOUS CLAIMANTS FROM PARKER CREEK STREAM SYSTEM 2 :Diversion: Allotments 3 : Acreage: number cubic feet per second Name of claimant : First : Second : Third : Fourth : to be : as per 4 :supplied: D.W.R. spriority:priority:priority:priority:Total : class : class : class Map class 5 William Ahern and Domestic 0.01 0.01 la 6 Zella J. Ahern 7 W. T. Bailey and Domestic 1b 101 0.01 Lenora M. Bailey, 8 George B. Bailey and Annie K. Bailey 9 Almon L. Row Domestic lc .01 0.01 10 A Ross Cutter and 15.0 .01 ld 0.24 0.25 11 Emma C. Cutter 12 F. J. Zepensky 4.6 2 .10 0.10 13 3,4, and 5 Gladys Servilican 0.13 0.20 Mankins 14 6,7, and Ervy B. George and 22.2 • 34 0.34 15 Marie George 16 •26 Ervy B. George and 16.9 9, 10, 11 0.55 Marie George 19.1 and 12 0.29 17 Clarence Hoffman 26.5 13 *•05 0.45 0.50 18 and Wilma Hoffman 19 . Ruth Lagier, Dan L. 189.3 15 *.10 2,66 3.64 Dieter, Esther E. .88 60.0 20 Smith, and Wilma Hoffman c/o Clarence 21 Hoffman 22 Warren E. Bass and 138.0 15 1.38 1.38 Hilda R. Bass 23 W. T. Bailey and 170.8 16, 17, 18 1.71 1.71 24 Lenora M. Bailey 19 and 20 25 W. T. Bailey and 18, 21, 22, 71.0 0.35 0.35 Lenora M. Bailey and 23 26 27 TOTALS 745.4 0.96 4.04 2.93 1.12 9.05

^{*} Subject to rights of Ervy B. George and Marie George as hereinbefore set forth in Paragraph 18. Of Order of december 12-

I IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

2	13. That the Court retains continuing jurisdiction of the parties
3	to this proceeding, and of the subject matter thereof, and upon application
4	of any party hereto, or successor in interest thereof, or upon its own
5	motion, to review this decree and to change or modify the same as the
6	interests of justice may require.

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14. That each and every party to this action, his or her agents, successors, grantees and assigns, be and hereby are estopped to object to or interfere with the respective rights of others which are decreed herein.

15. That each and every party to this action, his or her agents, successors, grantees and assigns, be and hereby are perpetually enjoined and restrained from doing anything in violation of the terms or provisions of this judgment and decree, and from diverting any water from said Parker Creek stream system at any time in excess of a quantity reasonably necessary for, and actually applied to, reasonable beneficial use, under and by reasonable methods of diversion and use, and from doing anything, directly or indirectly, that will obstruct or interfere with any right of another adjudged and decreed herein.

16. This decree is conclusive as to the rights of all existing claimants upon the Parker Creek stream system lawfully embraced in this determination.

17. Any claimant who has failed to appear and submit proof of his claim as provided in Chapter 3, Division 2 of the Water Code, shall be barred and estopped from subsequently asserting any rights theretofore acquired upon the Parker Creek stream system, and shall be held to have forfeited all rights to water theretofore claimed by him on said system,

- other than as provided in this decree, unless entitled to relief under
- 2 the laws of this State.

Done this 15th day of December, 1955

Judge of the Superior Court